

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A cover assembly, comprising:
a flexible cover including an outer layer of flexible material and an inner layer of flexible material; and
an alarm assembly comprising:
a first conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the first conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material;
a second conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the second conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material and electrically insulated from the first conductor plate;
a power source; and
an alarm system electrically connected to the power source and at least one of the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate such that upon an electrical conducting implement piercing the first conductor plate and contacting the second conductor plate an electrical connection is established between the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate thereby causing the alarm system to emit an alerting signal.

2. (Original) A cover assembly for a convertible vehicle, comprising:
- an articulating frame;
 - a flexible cover secured to the articulating frame, the flexible cover including an outer layer of flexible material and an inner layer of flexible material; and
 - an alarm assembly comprising:
 - a first conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the first conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material;
 - a second conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the second conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material and electrically insulated from the first conductor plate;
 - a power source; and
 - an alarm system electrically connected to the power source and at least one of the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate such that upon an electrical conducting implement piercing the first conductor plate and contacting the second conductor plate an electrical connection is established between the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate thereby causing the alarm system to emit an alerting signal.

3. (Original) A cover assembly for a vehicle, comprising:
- a flexible cover including an outer layer of flexible material and an inner layer of flexible material; and
 - an alarm assembly comprising:
 - a first conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the first conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material;
 - a second conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the second conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material and electrically insulated from the first conductor plate;
 - at least one layer of flexible, tear resistant material positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material;
 - a power source; and
 - an alarm system electrically connected to the power source and at least one of the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate such that upon an electrical conducting implement piercing the first conductor plate and contacting the second conductor plate an electrical connection is established between the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate thereby causing the alarm system to emit an alerting signal.

4. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 3 further comprising:
a plurality of layers of flexible, tear resistant material positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material.
5. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 4 wherein each layer of flexible, tear resistant material has a fabric pattern weave and wherein the fabric pattern weave of each layer of flexible, tear resistant material is oriented approximately ninety degrees relative to an adjacent layer of flexible, tear resistant material.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 6 further comprising:
an alarm assembly comprising:
a first conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the first conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material;
a second conductor plate fabricated of a flexible material, the second conductor plate positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material and electrically insulated from the first conductor plate;
a power source; and
an alarm system electrically connected to the power source and at least one of the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate such that

upon an electrical conducting implement piercing the first conductor plate and contacting the second conductor plate an electrical connection is established between the first conductor plate and the second conductor plate thereby causing the alarm system to emit an alerting signal.

8. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 6 further comprising:
a plurality of layers of flexible, tear resistant material positioned between the outer layer of flexible material and the inner layer of flexible material.
9. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 8 wherein each layer of flexible, tear resistant material has a fabric pattern weave and wherein the fabric pattern weave of each layer of flexible, tear resistant material is oriented approximately ninety degrees relative to an adjacent layer of flexible, tear resistant material.